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Councilmember Djou Urges State Legislature to Vote “No” on Special Interest Bill

Honolulu City Councilmember Charles Djou strongly urges the State Legislature to reject House Bill 550 which allows the Pacific Health Community Center project to bypass county zoning review. The State House of Representatives is scheduled to vote on the matter tomorrow.

“HB 550 is simply bad public policy. It sets an extremely bad precedent for land use decision-making – usually under the exclusive purview of local governments – as future developers will seek to completely bypass county councils and go straight to the Legislature with their “special” projects. This is an example of spot zoning at its worst.”

Equally disturbing to Councilmember Djou is the fact that the property identified in HB550 would exempt not only property for the Pacific Health Community Center, but also for the proposed Koa Ridge project of Castle and Cooke Homes. If HB 550 were to succeed, the massive new Koa Ridge subdivision of over 2000 homes would not require any county land use or planning review.

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